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Dear Friend G only,

A minor indulgence, if you so interpret it, but not so designed: Specter has had his mind blown. But good. He shook. I think, in the long run, it will help. If he wasn't before, he is now a very, very disturbed man.

These guys all seek self-justification, and while they will never face anyone they think knowns anything (Specter has declined perhaps two dozen confrontations with me), they like to be able to tell themselves they are always willing to see "reasonable" people. So, a very young friend of mine, in high school, got him to agree to an interview. He refused to permit taping- a great tragedy, believe me.

I spent a night preparing this great kid for it, including giving him a tape of what to ask and how to do it to take home with him. He did his homework well!

Among other things, Specter now has an idea of how much we know-and how much we know that he doesn't, neither of which is comforting to him. Before it was over, and he started trying to terminate it as soon as he realized this was no ordinary high school kid (but the presence of the boy's father slowed him a bit), he made clear his belief I was behind it, which I take as other than an insult. I do not have a complete report, but I do know the essence.

The kind of thing that threw him was being given the answers he declined. Like when he acknowledged he did see an autopsy picture, but only one, and that in "confidence" (some investigation that is!), he said he couldn't give the name of the man who showed it to him. So, he was told, okay, I know it was Tom Kelley. Which, perhaps, suggested to S that Kelley had talked to someone.

If you recall my recent correspondence with another former counsel, you correctly understand what I intend for the future - when I've finished PM II.

But, since blowing Curry's mind (and a couple of others) seems to have had some slight benefit, I thought you'd be interested in knowing of this newest one. Have you any candidates?

Sincerely,